

LIST OF CURRENT CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) Nozzle for supporting a weft thread in a weaving machine, comprising at least one outlet opening; a flow-through canalisation for supplying a fluid to said at least one outlet opening; said nozzle being elongated and at least partially formed of a plurality of plate-shaped segments extending lengthwise of the nozzle and arranged with their sides adjacent each other, and configured to define said canalisation.
2. (Previously Presented) Nozzle according to claim 1, wherein the outer shape of the nozzle and the inner shape of the flow-through canalisation are different from each other and wherein said segments define said inner shape.
3. (Canceled).
4. (Previously Presented) Nozzle according to claim 1, wherein the segments are disposed in a casing.
5. (Previously Presented) Nozzle according to claim 1, wherein at least a number of the segments are mutually connected.
6. (Previously Presented) Nozzle according to claim 1, wherein at least a number of the segments are pressed loosely against each other.
7. (Previously Presented) Nozzle according to claim 1, wherein the nozzle is elongated and the segments extend along the longitudinal direction of the nozzle.
8. (Currently Amended) Nozzle according to claim ~~[[3]]~~ 1, wherein the plate-shaped segments are disposed such that ~~they are directed with~~ one edge facing of the

segments faces towards a side of the nozzle in which the outlet opening or outlet openings ~~are~~ is located.

9. (Previously Presented) Nozzle according to claim 1, wherein said segments at least in part form one or more partition walls within the flow-through canalisation.

10. (Previously Presented) Nozzle according to claim 9, wherein the nozzle has at least two outlet openings, and wherein one or more partition walls define separate ducts extending towards a respective outlet opening and/or groups of outlet openings.

11. (Previously Presented) Nozzle according to claim 10, wherein said one or more partition walls extend up to a side of the nozzle where the outlet openings open into the environment.

12. (Previously Presented) Nozzle according to claim 9, wherein one or more of said partition walls are formed as a longitudinal partition.

13. (Previously Presented) Nozzle according to claim 12, wherein the partition wall or walls enable a lateral division of the flow-through canalisation in the ducts.

14. (Previously Presented) Nozzle according to claim 9, wherein the nozzle is elongated and the flow-through canalisation generally extends in the longitudinal direction of the nozzle and traces a curve near a top end of the nozzle to finally flow into the outlet opening or outlet openings, and further wherein one or more of the partition walls extend through at least a part of said curve.

15. (Previously Presented) Nozzle according to claim 9, wherein at least one of the partition walls is made as a cross partition defining a blade-shaped guide near the outlet opening or outlet openings.

16. (Previously Presented) Nozzle according to claim 9, wherein at least one of the partition walls extends crosswise in one piece from one side to the other side of the flow-through canalisation.

17. (Currently Amended) Nozzle according to claim 9, wherein mainly all the partition walls extend downward up to a distance (A) of at least about 1 cm from the outlet opening or outlet openings ~~which is larger than the length of the hairs which are usually found on textile fibres.~~

18. (Currently Amended) Nozzle according to claim 1, including ~~wherein the~~ segments, as well as any partition walls formed by same, ~~comprise plate-shaped elements which~~ that extend slantingly at an angle (H) ~~according to~~ in a general direction which, when the nozzle is mounted in a weaving machine, ~~extends~~ would extend slantingly towards a reed of the weaving machine.

19. (Previously Presented) Nozzle according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the segments comprises an intermediate connection forming a reinforcement for a body of the nozzle, at least in the central part of the nozzle.

20. (Previously Presented) Nozzle according to claim 1, wherein at least some of the segments are formed to serve as guiding elements to direct a fluid jet discharged from the outlet opening or outlet openings when the nozzle is in use.

21. (Currently Amended) Nozzle according to claim 1, wherein the segments comprise straight, mainly flat contiguous plate-shaped elements.

22. (Previously Presented) Nozzle according to claim 1, wherein at least some of the segments comprise elements having varying thicknesses and/or shapes which are not flat.

23. (Currently Amended) Nozzle according to claim 1, wherein the nozzle is elongated between proximal and distal ends, and has a series of outlet openings defined by the segments and which are arranged step-like, ~~by means of the segmented construction, from one far end of the series to the other far end thereof in a direction~~ across the nozzle along a shed-insertion direction of motion of the nozzle when it is installed in a weaving machine and wherein the openings are disposed progressively farther away from the proximal end of the nozzle along the shed-insertion direction of motion of the nozzle.

24. (Currently Amended) Nozzle for supporting a weft thread in a weaving machine, said nozzle comprising a flow-through canalisation for a fluid flowing out of at least one outlet opening of the nozzle, comprising plate shaped segments arranged with their sides adjacent each other and configured to define said canalisation, and comprising one or a combination of two or more of the following:

- ~~the nozzle is provided with~~ at least two outlet openings, and wherein at least one partition wall is provided in the top part of the nozzle separating at least the two outlet openings, at least at a point located ~~situated~~ inside the flow-through canalisation and up to an outer wall of the nozzle, or practically up to said outer wall, where the outlet openings open to the environment;
- the nozzle is elongated and is provided with one or several partition walls extending in the longitudinal direction of the flow-through canalisation, said partition walls extending crosswise and continuing substantially from one side of the flow-through canalisation to the opposite other side;

- the nozzle is provided with at least one outlet opening and at least one partition wall made as a cross partition in the shape of a blade-shaped guide disposed near each outlet opening;
- the nozzle is provided with one or more partition walls, at least a number of said partition walls extending downward up to at least a distance (A) from each outlet opening, said distance being larger than ~~the hair length of the hairs which are usually found on textile fibres~~ about 1 cm;
- the nozzle is provided with at least an intermediate connection extending through the flow-through canalisation and forming a reinforcement for a body of the nozzle;
- the nozzle is provided with a series of outlet openings which are arranged in a step-like manner in a shed-insertion direction of movement of the nozzle, with the openings disposed progressively farther from a proximal end of the nozzle in the shed-insertion direction of motion ~~from one far end of said series to the other far end~~; and
- the nozzle has a head part, including said canalisation and wherein partition walls are disposed in the flow-through canalisation of said head part which, due to their direction and/or shape, function as guiding elements to direct a fluid jet leaving the outlet opening or outlet openings when the nozzle is in use.